National Commission Lays Its Case Before Government Heads

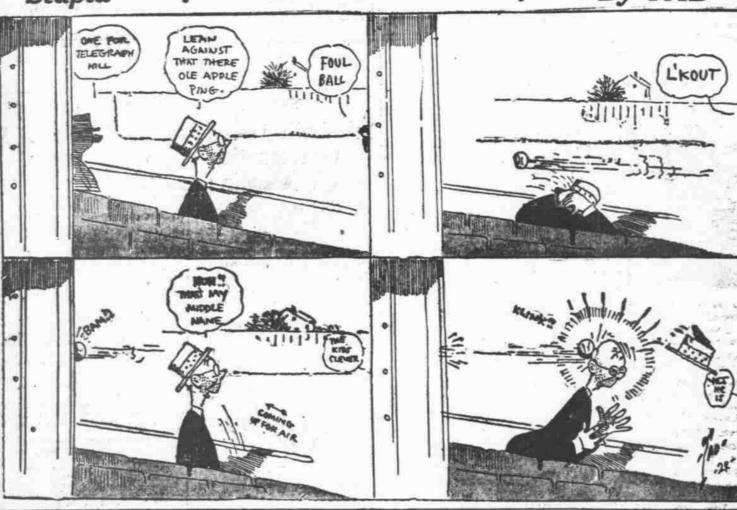
# THE TIMES' COMPLETE SPORTING PAGE

Ban and John K. Don't Fight When They Meet In Ben's Office

Stupid

By TAD

Rare Judgment, Judge





## BASEBALL MAKES FINAL STAND TODAY WHEN COMMISSION FILES STATEMENT

cretary Baker is expected to make his official decisions late today in the case of the appeal of organized baseball against his recent ruling that threatens to disrupt the national The National Commission, cosed of August Herrmann, chairman, of Cincinnati; Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League, and John K. Tener, president of the National League, presented its brief today to Provost Marshal General Crowder, who was then to lay the

Firmly convinced that the Government will agree with their side of the argument, the two leagues are now preparing to go on at least for the remainder of the 1918 season. As fast as players are ordered to take up other "more essential work" by their, local draft boards, the big the offices of Benjamin S. Minor, and Governor Tener greeted Clark league clubs will sign up men not president of the Washington club, No fireworks. No dynamite. No manufacted by the draft regulations. In proved a tame affair. Shouting the this way they hope to complete the most bombastic and sarcastic things

matter before the Secretary of War.

Shipbuilding Company and did not ac-Shipbuilding company and did not acpany Huggins' team West

Babe Ruth, the great Red Sox slug Babe Ruth, the great Red Sox slug-ger; George Sieler, the Browns' first TOM FORTUNE WILL FLY sman; Walter Johnson, the Griffmen's great hurler; Frank Gilhooley, the Yankees' outfielder: Joe Judge the Griffmen's first baseman; and Ty Cobb, the Tigers' peerless outfielder, have all received offers of jobs where, tary service, they can play all the baseball they wish.

Meanwhile, the big league clubs are signing up veterans let loose by the aviator. disbunding of the minor leagues of the country. Babe Adams, star of the Pittsburgh-Timere world's series of pettaburgh-Tigers world's series of years ago, has signed a contract with for Texas. He was in the real estate business here after finishing his now use the big pumps that supplied the American Association, which and is well known in the Capital. closed its gates Saturday.

Art Griggs, another veteran has joined the Tigers. He is well above the draft age. Practically every major league club is pursuing the same course, laying lines for keeping a team on the field, at least for the continuation of the 1918 season.

Puture Is Gloomy. If the draft ages are changed as as to summon to the colors all men between the ages of nineteen and forty, and Secretary Baker's "work or fight" order is extended to them, his thumb, he visited a physician it will be impossible for organized who said it was sprained. He fast-baseball to continue for the duration of the war. It will be necessary then thumb. Oscar suffered for a day or

Professional soccer players were mending. struck a similar blow by the British government shortly after the war began, but it was found that the Eng-lish people demandel some outdoor recreation if they would keep up their morale in war time, and the soccer players were permitted to get into action again. Today large crowds gwarm to the games played for the English championships. The promo-ters of the games report even larger

ttendances than before the war. Canada followed the example set by the mother country, suspending all sports. But the Canadians found it absolutely necessary to resume them and today the Toronto club of the International League attracts the same old crowds whenever the game is worth it.

Ban Meets John K. meeting of Byron Bancroft Johnson and John K. Tener today in terday.

## Secretary Baker Offers to Help in Matter

In announcing he would review the case "on basis of facts to be submitted by representatives of the industry," Secretary Baker indicated General Crowder, provost marshal, and himself had been forced to rely almost entirely on their own knowledge of baseball conditions in preparing the ruling.

"I stated in my ruling the number of men affected by the regulations would not disorganize the industry," said Secretary Baker. "Now I am informed the ruling virtually will ruin the business. These and other facts, which were not submitted to me before, are to be given to General Crowder today by representatives of the leading clubs. I will confer with General Crowder and, after reviewing the facts set forth in the brief these men are to file, I will see what is to be done."

TNT. No nawthin'.

world's series.

The principal immediate difficulty facing the major league clubs is to keep their players in line. Realizing their opportunity, the managers of the Steel League clubs and of the shipyard teams are bombarding the stars of the profession with offers.

George Mogridge, of the Yankees, Shipbuilding Company and did not as a seach other for the past tyear, and especially within the past three scient case of the scient case of organized baseball. It was not ing had they declined to speak. But intended to offer any further arguments. The plans of the national commission called for merely the filling of a brief embodying the entire case of organized baseball. It was not ing had they declined to speak. But it was different

Ban Johnson was reading the brief to be filled with General Crowder any questions suggested to General Crowder by a reading of the brief.

In addition to the members of the commission, Ben Minor apd Clark Griffith, of the Washington club.

Shipbuilding Company and did not ac
"Good morning, governor," replied and Harry Hempstead, president of the New York National League club.

Then Ban turned back to the brief were to call upon General Crowder.

## AT CAMP DICK, TEXAS

Thomas F. Fortune, who managed

Fortune graduated from the training school for birdmen at Princeton,
N. J. Saturday and left vesterday
repair for Mexican flesta and holiday N. J., Saturday and left yesterday

#### OSCAR VITT EXPECTS TO RECOVER IN TIME

DETROIT, July 24 .- Oscar Vitt, the Tigers' thirdsacker, expects to recover the use of a broken thumb in time, but he has little regard left

for a certain physician.
When Oscar stopped a liner with for the leagues to close their gates so and then visited another physician, until such time as resumption of the who found that the thumb was frac-mational game is found necessary or tured. the thumb is in splints and

#### HE'S NOW A YEOMAN.

Catcher Walter J. Tragessor, of the Boston Braves, has enlisted in United States navy as a yeoman. is stationed at Newport News. gessor was formerly first baseman on the Perdue University team, and has been engaged in professional baseball for six years. After the con-scription law took effect he was re-jected because of a crippled finger, but was later re-examined and give a deferred classification on grounds of dependency.

#### CARDINALS WIN.

The Cardinals defeated the Mt Pleasants by 15 to 0 when Paul Gar-ber held the northwest lads to three

### JUAREZ TRACK RAISES WHEAT FOR MEXICANS

JUAREZ, Mexico, July 24.—The "Muggsy" McGraw, and on the bot the crack Georgetown basketball half-million dollar racing plant which tom Miller Huggins. with exemption from immediate mill- fives of 1912-1913 and 1913-1914, when was built here nine years ago by Matt they played their games at the Ar- J. Winn, of Louisville, Ky., and sevcade, is today on his way to Camp eral other influential American turf-Dick, Dallas, Tex., to become an men is now simply a monument to a one-time successful sporting en-

celebrations, the entire infield is plant-

water in former years simply to irri-gate the soil they till. When the Mexican revolution started racing was interrupted and finally abandoned on account of the inability of the track patrons and others inter-ested to obtain passports from the

### GRIFFMEN ARE ON WAY TO BATTLE BROWNIES PILLADS

The Griffmen are due to arrive in St. Louis late today and will open their second series with the Brownies

#### KEENE A LIEUTENANT.

Pleasants by 15 to 0 when Paul Garber held the northwest lads to three SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 24.—Tom The Company F team, 604th Engineer on the Monument Grounds yes-versity, has received a commission as lieutenant in the army.

The Company F team, 604th Engineers, Washington Barracks, will play the Army Medicos tomorrow afterday.

## YARD LEAGUERS IN They Stand Ready To Fill Gan **CLOSE RACE TODAY**

Navy Yard League fans are looking forward to a great battle for second place honors today when Tool and Miscellaneous and Torpedo teams take the field. Cloffeps drew away from these

eams by half a game yesterday when Phil Buscher pitched his team to an 8-to-2 victory over the Ordnance eam. Buscher made it eleven wins for his team, which has been defeated six times this season.

Camp Meigs men are getting ready for their tight games of Saturday and Sunday. The Meigs players ran up a count of 20 to 1 on the Navy Yard Marines yesterday, whanging the ball all over the pld Patterson tract.

Sixteen hits were registered by the soldiers, of which McNamee got three out of three trips up. Dave Rockford allowed the Marines five hits won't the and struck out seven batters.

ford allowed the Marines five hits and struck out seven batters.

Saturday the Marines play the Army Medicos, and on Sunday they will take on the Quantico Marines. The Army Medicos will be piayed at American League Park for the benefit of the D. A. R. Red Cross wool fund.

Beany mused a while and then said, "Gee, I'd like to be hig and strong enough to play in the big leagues. I wonder what I'll read about when they stop baseball."

What team will give the Sherwoods a Sunday game? Martin H. Kinsinger, These two managers of big league second and Bryant streets northeast teams say they can provide New or Phene Lincoln 2682. The Sheror Phene Lincoln 2682. The Sher-woods have reorganized lately, al-York with baseball, even if the two though they have lost their last three

big leagues do decide to quit. They

will grab off all major leaguers not

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Games. lew York, 4; St. Louis, 1.

Where They Play Today.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Yesterday's Games

Brooklyn, 5; Pittaburgh, 2,

Where They Play Today.

ARCHER GETS A JOB.

does with the national game,

WILL PLAY MEDICS.

NEW YORK, July 24.-Jimmy Ar-

rgb at Brooklyn. Cincinnati at Boston. Chicago at Philadelphi

Grounds.

The Coast Artillery team, of East Potomac Park, handed the Ordnance of war, who will wonder what they'll read about when baseball suspinite a 9-to-1 licking yesterday. The C. A. C. team is still looking for opponents. affected by the "work or fight" order and play daily at the Polo On the top is John ponents.

Joe Glebel, manager of the Clarendon team, is of the opinion that he has one of the best nines in the city. Gle-bel has gotten several strong pitchers and expects to have Ernje Schaefer in the box in the next start the Claron team makes. Giebel would welcome a series with

the Cardinals, and expects to open ne-gotiations with the Alexandria men

### "REDS" FLEMING JOINS FAMOUS "DEVIL DOGS"

PHILADELPHIA, July 24-Among the men enlisted yesterday was Once, I recall, I lay on a six-inch "Reds" Fleming, of Tyrone, one of plank, surrounded by water, beneath The station at 4:50 o'clock.

The entire squad departed with the stupe of the party which left Union Station at 4:50 o'clock.

The entire squad departed with the stupe Pirates, has caught on with Brooklyn Dodgers.

ERICKSON IN ARMY.

CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., July 24.—Eric Erickson, for the past yeareday, William Barion, 407 I street northwest, is manager, and wants games for the Yankes.

DEPARTMENTAL PLAYS.

DEPARTMENTAL

Defense League. Sergeant Mike dirty water and found just big Greb. Sam Langford engages Jack Ready, of No. 11 precinct, has been enough for a small boy intent on Thompson. "Irish" Patsy Cline mingles appointed coach and manager of the seeing the baseball game.

Police team.

# LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Baseball is sorely ill, but baseball will not die. The old fan is just as young as the youngest is old. We took a fourteen-year-old youngster with us to see last Sunday's victory of Ed Matteson over Eddie Cicotte. He told us many things. He knew as much about the game as we did, and he had a most refreshing point of view. He is Benny Mensh, of Cotario road, a Central High School boy, who was told by Coach Metzler last spring that he "ought to put some meat on his bones and then he might make good on the school nine." Just now Benny is trying to "put some mest on his bones," without much apparent success.

Why Not Tell Us

Your Tale?

If, when you were a boy, you

had any such experience as is

here narrated, why not let us all

in on it? Sit down and live over

again those wonderful days when

you "got inta de game," no mat-

ter how, over the fance or under

it, and WRITE IT for the

pleasure of thousands of others

There must have been untold

ways of getting into ball games

when we were kids. So let's tell

em. Make it brief. For in-

stance, write about a hundred words on one side of a sheet of paper on the subject, "How I Got In That Day." Send it to

the Sporting Editor of The

Whether it was in South Bend or New York, in Lewiston or

Oklahoma City, tell us all that

great experience. We're wait-

foul ball to the stand, only a miracle

PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—Eight

ing.

with similar experiences.

"I don't know much about base-ball," said Benny Mensh, the fourteen-year-old baseball nut, "but what I do know I've learned from watching the big leaguers play. I think that's the best way, too, don't you? If a player makes a mistake, and you're watching it, you can then see what he should have done.

Tool and Miscellaneous players are behind the leaders and in second place with nine wins and seven defeats, while the Torpedoes have won eight and lost seven.

Camp Meigs men are getting ready for their tight sames of Saturday and Tornel and Stronger, I can play on Mr. Metzler's team at Central."

Dannel is should have done.

"Yea, I read all I can about baseball and players and then I come out to the games to see the players I read about do what I read they do. Maybe, when I get bigger and stronger, I can play on Mr. Metzler's team at Central."

Benny is a hopeful cuss, too, re-garding the future of baseball. He thinks it will always go on and on "If they stop the leagues now," he

remarked, "and then start up again after the war, the players will be just the same boys that I am now, won't they? I mean that many boys

about when they stop baseball." of ours are thousands just like Benny Mensh; thousands of youngsters and thousands of oldsters, wondering what they'll read about when the big strong men, being tried in the fur-

You'll notice that we "took" Benny to Sunday's game. That's where we had something on Benny, for we lived perience never enjoyed by Huckle-Lyons and Lenche hooked up in the Engineers-Aggles battle in the Departmental League yesterday, and Lyons came through with a 2-to-4 victory. It was the second time running games. But we kids saw the games that the Bridgebuilders put the quietus on the Aggles.

Lenche was not at his best, as he Lanche was not at his best, as he hit a batter, walked four and allowed ers, I was one of the "knot-bole ten hits. His support was not of the gang" and the "force climbers" and oLD PRINCETON STAR best. same love of baseball as shown by Benny Mensh to be a member of the army of "shaggera."

Reporting at the ball park at 9:30 in the morning, we chased line drives and looping files until the big Princeton football elevens of 96 and leaguers grew tired. Then we cleaned up the bleachers, removing every scrap of paper and peanut shell. Then we loafed behind first shell. Then we loafed behind first phase or third base, keeping out of the groundkeeper's way lest be take a sudden dislike to our looks, until the fans came trooping in. Then we sat among the men and rooted for the home team.

In his football days Lieutenant Twenty-second and Bryant st precipct, Anacostia, D. The Police Department, Sargt. In precipct, Anacostia, D. The Police Department of the princeton football devents of 96 and marvel was slated to appear and peanut to the princeton football devents of 96 and marvel was slated to appear and peanut to the princeton football devents of 96 and marvel was slated to appear and peanut to the princeton football devents of 96 and marvel was slated to appear and peanut to the princeton footbal

Ah, What An Experience!

POLICE WILL PLAY. and his cruel henchmen, it was absolutely necessary to crawl into the Some time in September the Police darkness right up against the front Some time in September the Police darkness right up against the front well-known boxers will appear in Department baseball team will play wall of the grandstand. The plank next Tuesday's big show at Shibe representative team from the Home was discovered, shoved out across the Park. Battling Levinsky meets Harry

Word has gone out from tenni eadquarters in the Suburban Tennis League that all postponed matches or they will not be counted in the final standing. Secretary Lorin Nelson, of the cir-

cuit, declares that while many of the

league teams have completed a part

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

of their program, they have so far failed to complete all engagements. Racquet Club won all seven of Rs postponed matches with the Argyla Club. Princeton is five in on the Holmead Club, and will probably receive two forfeits. Standards has

bunch on postponed matches. The rain of Saturday a week age knocked the schedule galley west, and for this reason the teams have been unable to get together. Many of the Suburban League players are on one of the Departmental eLague teams, and as these organisations play twice a week it has been difficult for the players to get together.
Secretary Nelson promises to have all matches straightened out by Sature

Treasury has won eight matches and dropped but two in the Departmental Tennis League. Ship Emergency players were able to get but one match of the acheduled five played yesterday on the Princeton courts. Interior is still at the top of the league with five wins and no losses. All teams have played at least one match in the league now. Tomorrow Justice-Trade and Interstate will take

Today several postponed matches of the Princeton-Euclid series will be run off. Princeton will probably have several Western High School youngsters after this week. Frank Taylor, Everett Burke, and Wade Heavy have sent in their names to Secretary Nal-

Ben Price, of Racquet Club,and Jack Dudley, of Princeton, who are rivals in singles for their Suburban League clubs, are playing for Treasury, and have won two matches on the No. 1

DIES OF PNEUMONIA An effort is being made to have Ichiya Kumagae come here after his play in the national singles cham-pionships next month. The Japanese marvel was slated to appear here last season, but accompanied the galaxy of tennis stars West when they toured

> THEY WANT GAMES. Yankee Juniers, William Barjom, manage

Sherwoods, Martin H. Rinsinger, manager wenty-second and Bryant streets northwest Police Department, Sargt. Miles Ready, No. 11 precipet, Anacostia, D. C.

terback. His home was in Williams Disbursing Section, Darby, manager, Avia-Virginia A. C., R. L. Harlow, manager, 1006



Street N. W. Open evenings exc Sundays. Do your duty!